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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, CG, SA

SUBJECT: INVASION: GOZ DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS OBTAIN ARAB SUPPORT

REF: KINSHASA 2641

1. IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RAISE WITH THE SAG THE QUESTION OF GREATER SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE. THE SAUDIS ARE QUITE PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH US IN AFRICA WITH THE SPECIFIC GOAL OF STRENGTHENING WESTERN INFLUENCE AND REDUCING THAT OF THE COMMUNISTS.

2. IN ORDER TO PURSUE THE MATTER EFFECTIVELY WITH THE SAG WE WOULD NEED SOME BACKGROUND MATERIAL TO DRAW ON IN OUR DISCUSSIONS. THIS COULD PROBABLY BE MET BY SENDING US EITHER A SUMMARY OF A RECENT NIE OR SUMMARIES OF THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SECTIONS OF THE LATEST POLICY ASSESSMENT (FOR OUR OWN BACKGROUND, NOT RPT NOT TO BE PASSED TO THE SAUDIS) AND TALKING POINTS PREPARED BY EMBASSY KINSHASA OR THE DEPARTMENT. IF THERE IS URGENCY WE CAN OF COURSE GET BY WITH THE TALKING POINTS ALONE.

3. TALKING POINTS WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF THEY ADDRESSED  
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THE FOLLOWING POINTS IF RELEVANT. (A) COMMUNIST AND RADICAL THREAT TO ZAIRE, (B) VALUE OF ZAIRE TO THE WEST AS AN ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCE, (C) ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL, AND (D) STEPS WHICH FELLOW MODERATE STATES CAN TAKE TO ASSIST ZAIRE (SUGGESTIONS FOR FINANCIAL HELP SHOULD BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE AND KEYED TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS).

4. IN VIEW OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL INTEREST WE WOULD ALSO  
NEED TO HAVE THE BACKGROUND AND LATEST STATUS OF THE FIGHTING  
IN SHABA PROVINCE.  
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